

Eugene Guard Comes Out for John B. Bell

EUGENE, April 30.—(Special to the Democrat)—The Eugene Guard came out this week with a strong editorial endorsing the candidacy of John B. Bell for the republican nomination for joint senator from Lane and Lane counties. The editorial follows:

The Central Oregon Enterprise, of Prineville, speaking of the candidacy of John B. Bell for senator from the joint district of Lane and Linn counties, states:

"If John is as popular in Lane county as he was in Crook county he might as well take a trip down to the statehouse and select his seat for the next session."

This is a creditable tribute to a man who was formerly associated with the business and interests of the Prineville community. Men may aspire to public office and go down to defeat and feel that they have lost nothing so long as they know their old friends and neighbors with whom it had been their pleasure to be associated honor them. It is a great distinction to be selected to serve the people of the state in the senate, but it is infinitely greater to have made a record in life

that as a man you have been tried and found to be true to every trust. It has been a good many years since John Bell lived in Prineville but, across the space of time comes the word to his new home: "He is a good man; you may well honor him."

John Bell needs no endorsement from outside Lane county. His works here place him near the top of the column of the names of the county's good citizens. It is a pleasure, however, to read such a tribute to one you know. The time will come when he will be making a trip down to Salem and selecting his seat, just as the Prineville editor suggests.

The Guard has previously announced its belief that the people should disregard party and look to men who promise the greatest service in winning the war. To the people of Lane and Linn counties, regardless of party, it commends the candidacy of John B. Bell, republican, for the position of state senator, because it knows that he is 100 per cent American and a man whose plain business sense will make his service of value to his country, state and county.

John Bell is a steady-going fellow. His business interests which are associated with those of both Lane and Linn counties are not large, but sufficient to mark him as a successful

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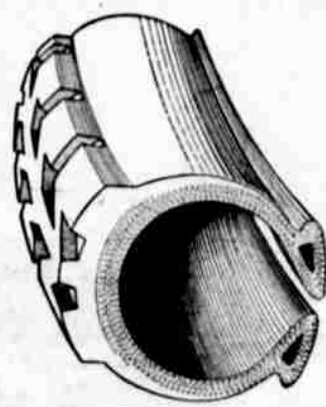
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man. He has never made a practice of forcing himself into the limelight or seeking notoriety through the newspapers by playing to sensationalism. He has, however, taken an active part in public affairs in Eugene and Lane county. Since the declaration of war he has participated in activities of vital interest to the nation. He has worked quietly and well. Where he has gone, results have followed and there has been no bellowing or blowing over accomplishment. He is moving about as a candidate for senator in the same effective way. He finds no occasion to assert that if he is elected he will save the state a million dollars. He knows that no man single-handed is going to perform such a feat in the senate of the state of Oregon.

He has stated his platform briefly. It may be summed up in the single paragraph as follows:

"I stand for sane and businesslike legislative sessions, fewer and more effective laws, and for a vigorous and straightout policy in everything pertaining to the prosecution of the war."

That is platform enough for John B. Bell. The vote that he will receive in Eugene, his home city, on the day of the primary election, will attest that it is sufficient.

Left for Iowa—

Donald Penman left today for Fort Dodge, Iowa, on business.

WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established principles of international action and honor. . . . This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people. . . . It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling."

WE FIGHT FOR PEACE AND FOR SELF-RESPECT.

What sort of a peace does Germany hope to secure? That can be answered in a sentence: a peace which will enable her to fulfill in the next war the aims she has failed to fulfill in this. What is the peace the Allies wish? Again the answer is brief: a peace that will make sure that "it shall not happen again."

This war has already killed (not maimed or wounded) over 8,000,000 young and vigorous men, yet Germany still believes that war is essential to human progress, and that any act, however atrocious, is permissible so long as it is an act of war. Against that theory America has set her will.

Does anyone still doubt that Germany believes in war? Here are four leaders of Germany speaking: "Perpetual peace is a dream, and it is not even a beautiful dream; war forms part of the eternal order instituted by God." "A long peace not only leads to enervation, but allows of the existence of a multitude of pitiful, trembling, miserable creatures . . . who cling fast to life with loud cries about their 'right' to exist, block the way for real strength, make the air fetid, and altogether defile the blood of the nation." "The worst of hypocrites is the participation by Germany in The Hague Conference." "We must not look for permanent peace as a result of this war. Heaven defend Germany from that." And Treitschke, the historian-tutor to the military class of Germany, taught over and over again that war was the only means of achieving world leadership; that war "is to be conceived as an ordinance set by God"; that "war is just and moral, and that the idea of eternal peace is both unjust and immoral and impossible."

These theories, put in practice, have made of Germany the Cain of civilization—"his hand against every man's hand." In self-defense and in mere self-respect, America was forced to strike back. We could not sit still when we realized that it was our duty "to be and to remain the outspoken moral opponents of the present German policy, and of the German State,

so long as it holds this present policy, and carries on its present war. . . . Germany, as at present disposed, is the willful and deliberate enemy of the human race." (Josiah Royce.)

But if there be any who have not this larger vision of the issues of the war—who are not moved to stake all on the abstract justice of our cause—then let them ask themselves what self-respect as a nation demands of America, and of true Americans, under the treatment we received from Germany.

When the European war came in 1914, and while we were still neutral, what insult was not heaped upon our self-respect? The Austrian Ambassador, Dumba, plotted to organize strikes in our munitions factories, and to buy up agitators to incite workmen to discontent. German spies, now convicted and in jail, have admitted that they worked under the direction of high German officials to commit acts in violation of our neutrality. Some of these same officials have admitted the expenditure of millions of dollars in illegal operations conducted "in direct defiance of our laws, and in insolent disregard of international diplomatic courtesy." The catalogue of German crimes in America, and of German agents amongst us, while we were still neutral, if published in full,

would be astounding almost to disbelief.

The German acts have startled us at last to the knowledge that the nation which permits them without resentment is no nation in that essential quality of patriotism—self-respect. Without that quality, we are but a mass of disorganized peoples, having no influence in world affairs, and ultimately at the mercy of that state which best knows how to carry on shameless intrigues amongst us. Germany is that state. We are fighting in the hope of saving the world from her immoral ideals; but we are also fighting to restore our self-respect.

This is the eighth of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

ANITA STEWART CAST AS LOVABLE HEROINE

(Red Cross Benefit)

Perhaps if the thousands of readers of the Robert W. Chambers story, "The Girl Philippa," which ran in the Cosmopolitan and in book form, had been asked what motion picture star they would choose to play the title role of "Philippa," there would have been much hesitancy, for the role is

very complex and difficult.

However, with everything given due consideration, it is quite probable that dainty Anita Stewart of the Vitagraph would have eventually chosen for the title role of the girl Philippa in the special eight-part Vitagraph feature, which is at the Globe Theatre tonight only.

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To Work in Mill—

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Went to Salem—

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Everett C. Fisher

Candidate for Republican Nomination for County Coroner

(Paid Adv.)